## Montana Department of Environmental Quality Permitting & Compliance Division Environmental Management Bureau

RE: MFSA Introduction of Wind Hunter Application dated 05/11/2005

Notice of Montana Major Facilities Siting Act Application

Transmission Line - Valley County Wind Energy Project

Wind Hunter, LLC has filed an application under the Montana Major Facility Siting Act (Title 75, chapter 20, part 1, MCA) to construct and operate a 30-mile, 230-kV transmission line and substation associated with the proposed Valley County Wind Energy Project northwest of Glasgow, Montana.

The application was submitted to the department on December 27, 2004, pursuant to the requirements of Section 75-20-211, MCA. The department is currently reviewing the application for completeness under MFSA and Wind Hunter has revised its application to include a 69 kV transmission line in addition to the 230 kV line. Wind Hunter is seeking necessary approvals and authorizations for the construction and operation of the wind farm from local, state and federal agencies.

The 69 kV transmission line would be built first. Later a second line would be built and energized at 161 kilovolts, but later at 230 kV and would connect to the existing Western Area Power Fort Peck to Havre transmission line. Wind Hunter is proposing to construct a new Antelope Creek substation adjacent to the existing Richardson Coulee Substation southwest of Glasgow for the interconnection.

A copy of the initial application and detailed description of the project are available for review at the Glasgow City-County Library, 408 Third Avenue South, Glasgow, Montana 59230 (406) 228-2731 and at the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, 1520 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, Montana. Questions regarding the proposed facility may be directed to Tom Ring, by telephone (406) 444-6785 or via email at tring@mt.gov.

**NOTE:** THE LINKS BELOW ARE TO THE INITIAL APPLICATION AND DO NOT DESCRIBE THE 69kV TRANSMISSION LINE.

**Valley County Wind Energy Project** 

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